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SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Friends,

Having served in the U.S. Armed Forces — first as a paratrooper in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, then later as a member of the Illinois National Guard, I understand the contributions veterans have made to our country and share their pride.

My office offers several military service-related license plates to honor those who have served this great country. If you qualify for any of these special military plate categories, I encourage you to proudly display these plates on your vehicle and get the recognition you rightfully deserve.

Jesse White

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Armed Forces Reserves Illinois National Guard

Any Illinois resident who is an active member of the Illinois National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves and has a 12-month term of enlistment may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: current photocopy of DD Form 2 (U.S. Uniformed Service ID Card) verifying guard or reserve status. (A copy of the form is also required upon renewal.)

Bronze Star/Silver Star

Illinois residents who have been awarded the Bronze Star or Silver Star medal may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) verifying receipt of medal, or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

Congressional Medal of Honor

Illinois residents who have been awarded this medal are eligible for these plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates.

Required: form from the federal government or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying receipt of medal.

Pearl Harbor Survivor

Any Illinois resident who served at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces is eligible for these plates.

The widowed spouse of a Pearl Harbor survivor is eligible, provided the spouse was married to the Pearl Harbor survivor at the time of death and single at the time of application.

Required: letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying presence on the island of Oahu or aboard a ship within three miles of the island during the attack.

Purple Heart

Any Illinois resident who has been awarded the military's Purple Heart medal may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying receipt of the Purple Heart.

Retired Armed Forces

Any retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces who resides in Illinois may apply for these plates.

Required: photocopy of DD Form 2 (U.S. Uniformed Service ID Card) verifying full retirement status.

Members of the Armed Forces Reserves or Illinois National Guard who have not reached age 60 must submit a copy of DD Form 2 and documentation showing transfer to retired status.

Universal Veteran

Issued to any Illinois resident who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces. These plates offer the option of displaying the branch of service and/or theater of action. Decals are available through the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adjutant-Quarter-Master or the American Legion, Department of the Adjutant.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying military service. If requesting the POW/MIA license plate, no special documentation is required.

Vietnam Veteran

Illinois residents who served in the Vietnam conflict may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

World War II Veteran

Issued to any Illinois resident who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. The veteran may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) verifying military service between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

Military Plate Facts

- Titles, transfers, duplicate registration cards and replacement license plates are subject to standard fees.
- Military license plates may be displayed on passenger cars, trucks and vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less.
- Purple Heart and Korean War Veteran applicants who receive a grant under the Circuit Breaker Program may apply for a reduced registration fee.

For more information

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

833 S. Spring St.
Springfield, IL 62794-9432
217-782-3418

Veterans Administration Regional Office

536 S. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60605
312-663-5519

National Personnel Records Center

9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132



Disabled Veteran

Any U.S. Armed Forces veteran who has a 100 percent military disability or who is eligible to receive a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle is eligible for these plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates. Vehicles displaying these plates may park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. Parking meter fees and time limitations are also waived, except in areas with designated parking of 30 minutes or less.

Required: letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying the applicant is 100 percent military service disabled, or is eligible to receive or in receipt of a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle.

Ex-Prisoner of War

Any U.S. citizen who was a prisoner of war and is a present or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces or any of its allies is eligible for these plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates. The name of the ex-prisoner of war must appear as owner or co-owner on both the title and registration applications. The widowed spouse of an ex-prisoner of war may apply for these plates, provided the spouse was married to the ex-prisoner of war at the time of death and is single at the time of application.

Required: form from the federal government or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying Ex-Prisoner of War status.

Gold Star

Surviving spouses of Illinois residents who received the Gold Star may apply for one set of these plates. If no spouse, a surviving parent may apply; if no parent, a surviving sibling may apply.

Required: letter verifying receipt of Gold Star medal, including service member's name and relationship to applicant.

Korean War Veteran

Issued to Illinois residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, within the territorial limits of Korea, in water immediately adjacent thereto, or who have been issued the Korean War Service Medal. Medal recipients may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name. Korean War Veteran plates may be displayed on recreational vehicles.

Required: photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) indicating Korean War Service Medal status or letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government verifying service record.

Registration Information

If your current Illinois license plates expire within 90 days and you have not renewed your registration, submit:

- preprinted renewal application or registration application
- documentation required for the relevant plate category
- proof of ownership
- annual registration and other applicable fees (A \$15 fee is required for the original issuance of Gold Star, Korean War Veteran, Bronze Star, Silver Star, World War II Veteran, Vietnam Veteran and Universal Veteran plates. A \$2 fee is required upon renewal.)

If your current license plates do not expire within 90 days, you must apply for reclassification by submitting:

- registration application
- documentation required for the relevant plate category
- current registration card
- \$14 replacement fee (plus applicable original issuance fees).

For More Information

Illinois Secretary of State

Non-Standard Plates Section
501 S. Second St., Rm. 539
Springfield, IL 62756

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Retired Armed Forces217-785-1697

Bronze Star/Congressional Medal of Honor/Disabled Veterans/
Ex-Prisoner of War/Gold Star/Pearl Harbor Survivor/
Purple Heart/Silver Star/Vietnam Veteran/
World War II Veteran217-785-4175

Universal Veteran217-785-8627

Korean War Veteran217-782-2884

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